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YES, THERE WILL NOT BE AN INCREASE IN FEE, BUT...

...the worst thing seems to be for a school principally to work with methods of fear, force, and artificial authority. Such treatment destroys the healthy feelings, the integrity, and self-confidence of the pupils. All that it produces is a servile helot.

Albert Einstein

The communication gap has become cliché. The phrase stands as a crutch for the status quo. Nothing can be done if no one knows...The result is a smug lack of concern. Inaction. A cosy rest on personal and pedagogical laurels.

In March, a protest against the then proposed increase in Student Services Fees was launched. At the General Meeting in February, the graduate students had voted not only against the increase, but they did reject the Student Services Fees in total. The Board of Governors and the University Council on Student Life were informed of the graduate student point of view in a barrage of letters.

As a cap to the protest, in May a petition supporting the abolition of the Student Services Fees for grad students was circulated. A total of 169 signatures was collected: a little over 10% of the grad student population at Sir George.

Irregardless of the protest, on June 14th, 1974, the U.C.S.L. budget was passed and with it the Student Services Fees hike: to \$50.00 full-time and \$10.00 part-time. At the 'open' session of the meeting, it was argued by Bob Gervais, past president LESA, that "...if you are a citizen of Canada, you pay taxes, so the graduate students should pay student services fees."

Mr. Gervais failed to point out that the citizens of Canada are also free to elect their government and the students of this university are not. John Friedman, Pres. DSA, added that since the grad students had not been represented at all the U.C.S.L. meetings, they should forfeit their right to complain. His reward for such loyal support to the administration was an authorized increase in the DSA fees. It seems that since the Board of Governors gave the student associations their constitutions, it was permissible to by-pass the mandatory referendum and implement the increase without allowing for student response.

So much for a student government... Although, the attitude of the Board of Governors explains the bountiful output of 'servile helots' at Sir George, it cannot be condoned. Perhaps it is time for an alternative structure in the administration of this university. Time for one which has open channels, clearly defined purposes, and a little respect for its students.

A recent survey uncovered two major criticisms of the G.S.A. They were: 1. The lack of course evaluation, and 2. The lack of subsequent course recommendation.

Since there is an obvious need for it, a student initiated evaluation program should be set up. Anyone with a knowledge of the mechanics or merely wishing to become involved in such a program should contact respective representative:

Acting Arts Rep - Jerry Bouchard
877-5598

Acting Commerce Rep - Jim Thomson
879-4375 (MBASA)

Acting Science Rep - Sham Patil
879-5965 (Chemistry)

Engineering Rep - Nick Calinoiu
331-9611 ext. 410

GRADUATE STUDIES AT SIR GEORGE

The Division of Graduate Studies at Sir George Williams has grown from two programs in 1965-66, to 35 programs today. There are 7 doctoral programs, 23 masters programs, and 5 diploma programs. In fact, 1974-75 marks the end of the first decade of graduate studies at Sir George.

I do not know what the total graduate enrolment was in 1965-66; but 1974-75 we expect to pass the 2,000 mark. According to figures released in November 1973, Sir George ranks 11th in Canada in terms of total graduate enrolment. In 1972-73, we were 13th. When I first wrote for Quo Vadis in 1971 we were in 18th place.

The breakdown for the top 11 in 1973-74 was as follows: Toronto (6796), Montreal (6349), McGill (3365), Ottawa (2889), British Columbia (2655), Alberta (2652), Laval (2494), Manitoba (2352), Western Ontario (1935), York (1928), Sir George (1767).

Amongst the universities with a lower enrolment than Sir George, one finds McMaster (1722), Waterloo (1589), Queen's (1325), Carleton (1230), Calgary (1086), and Dalhousie (1004). The remaining 18 universities have a graduate enrolment of less than 1000.

At Sir George, graduate programs are administered by the particular academic department or Faculty concerned. All programs come under the general supervision of the Board of Graduate Studies and its chairman, the Dean of Graduate Studies. Meetings of the B.G.S. are held regularly each month; and they are open to students.

Each program is administered by a graduate program director. Generally he works with a departmental or Faculty graduate studies committee. Most such committees, though not all, consist of both student members and faculty members. These committees constitute one of the ways in which you may exert an influence upon your program.

Should you require advise concerning academic matters you may consult with your teachers, and with your graduate program director or chairman. This you know. Less well known is the fact that there are others whose job it is to serve you.

Amongst them:

1. Audrey Williams, University Research Officer, with practical advice on how best to obtain Canada Council and N.R.C. grants, or other types of fellowship awards (1420 Sherbrooke Street, W., 7th floor, 879-5852);
2. David Ramsay, Financial Aid Officer, (Dean of Students Office, H-405, 879-5983);
3. Jeanne Jobin, Thesis Secretary, Graduate Studies Office, whom you should consult concerning the university-wide thesis regulations. (2145 Mackay, S-306, 879-7317);
4. Susan Stone, Administrative Officer, Graduate Studies Office, who will cheerfully answer your questions concerning the general regulations contained in the Calendar. (2145 Mackay, S-207, 879-7319).

I myself am anxious to meet as many of the graduate students as possible. Why not plan a visit to the Graduate Studies Office at 2145 Mackay? The offices of the Graduate Students' Association are in the same building. My phone number is 879-7320.

Dr. Stanley G. French,
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Editor - G.S.A. Newsletter

Advertising Editor - G.S.A. Newsletter

Co-Editor - "Ibis" - G.S.A. Magazine

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact the G.S.A. at 879-7219 or 2145 Mackay, Rm. S-306.

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GRAD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

One of the most important functions of the G.S.A. is to find student reps for various university committees. To the extent that there are individuals willing to become involved, the G.S.A. will perform more effectively.

The purpose behind student reps is the lessening of the demand on council members while maintaining active Grad involvement in the university.

If you have about 5 hours per month and would like to take part in the inner workings of the university, please call 879-7219.

These appointments will be open in September, unless otherwise stated:

Board of Governors - 1 rep (President of G.S.A.)

Senate - 1 rep (Vice-President of G.S.A.)

Board of Graduate Studies (BGS) - 1 rep

Board of Graduate Studies Appraisals

Sub-committees:

BGS Appraisals Committee #1 (History Graduate Program) - 1 rep;

BGS Appraisals Committee #2 (Religion Graduate Programs) - 1 rep;

BGS Appraisals Committee #3 (Philosophy & Humanities Graduate Programs) - 1 rep.

University Council on Student Life (UCSL) -

2 reps

Positions will be open on 14 UCSL sub-committees in September.

Committee on Establishment of Student Eligibility Regulations of the Senate etc. - 1 rep (Stanley Stacy)

Arts Faculty Council (AFC) - 2 reps

Education Dept.:

Education Council Committee - 2 reps

Graduate Studies Committee (Ed Tech) - 2 reps

English Dept.:

Graduate Studies Committee - 2 reps

Economics Dept.:

Graduate Studies Committee - 1 rep

Fine Arts Dept.:

Arts History Program Graduate Studies Committee - 1 rep

Psychology Dept.:

Applied Psychology Graduate Committee - 2 reps

Experimental Psychology Graduate Committee - 2 reps

Philosophy Dept.:

Philosophy Council) 3 reps
Graduate Studies Committee)

Dept. Library Committee - 1 rep

Sociology & Anthropology Dept.:

Departmental Meetings Rep - 1 rep

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMERCE & ADMINISTRATION

- 2 reps

Graduate Studies Committee (MBA) - 2 reps

ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCIL - 1 rep

Engineering Faculty Graduate Studies

Committee - 2 reps

Electrical Engineering Departmental Council - 2 reps

Mechanical Engineering Departmental Council - 2 reps

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL - 1 rep

Science Faculty Graduate Studies Committee - no rep

Biology Dept. Graduate Studies Committee - 1 rep

Chemistry Dept. Graduate Studies Committee - 1 rep

Maths Dept. Graduate Studies Committee - 2 reps

Physics Dept. Graduate Studies Committee - 1 rep

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INTERIM POSTS

At present, three council positions of the Graduate Students' Association are interim posts, they are:

Arts Faculty Representative

Commerce Faculty Representative

Science Faculty Representative

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the G.S.A. at registration for information.

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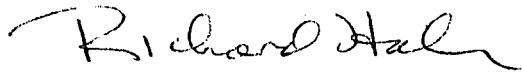
OPEN LETTER

Dear Graduate Students:

The Executive Council of the Graduate Students' Association is very pleased to have this Newsletter to communicate with the members of the Association. In turn it is hoped that this Newsletter will be utilized as a forum for the views of graduate students on the important issues which concern us. In the coming year a number of these Newsletters will be published as well as a literary magazine, *Ibis*, which will be produced in as many issues as we can afford within our limited budget.

It must be stressed that it is not the policy of the Executive Council of the Association to recommend any products or services to the graduate student body. However it should be noted that the International Life Insurance Company has expressed an interest in the problems of graduate students of Concordia for which your Executive is most grateful. The interest of this company in students at Sir George is not new. In the past International Life have offered their special students package to both the Evening Students and Day Students. We would certainly hope that if any of the graduate students are considering buying insurance that they consider the plan offered by the International Life Insurance Company.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Hahn,
President,
per Graduate Students'
Association Council.

The Physical Education and Athletics Dept. offers the following intramural programs to all graduate students:

COMPETITIVE	INSTRUCTIONAL	RECREATIONAL
Golf	Karate	Swimming
Tennis	Judo	Riflery
Touch Football	Yoga	Volleyball
Curling	Fitness	Badminton
Basketball	Ski-Conditioning	Netball
Bowling	Modern Dance	Figure Skating
Ice Hockey	Kempo	Ski-Club
Floor Hockey	Aikido	Outdoor-Club
Table Tennis	Basketball Clinic	

For further information on above-mentioned programs please contact Bob Phillips at 879-5840 or at 2160 Bishop Street.

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